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Supreme Folly!

By deciding to have the railway shopmen's strike go on rather than assumed a heavy responsibility.

Two great strikes by their joint effect are pushing the country toward a great crisis. What will be conditions in a month or six weeks? There is grave likelihood that they tonnage, as to cost railroad owners far more than they would pay out by men (old employees and new em- government. ployees) on the railway pay rolls.

out of work through closing fac-

self-contradictory.

their subsequent implied refusal to accept the rulings in regard to

and modify seniority rules. Is there are espoused by powerful leaders. any doubt the board would prescribe rules in accord with the President's political superior. The board is his

The railroad executives in one breath say they will obey all the orders of the Labor Board and in the not with respect to seniority privileges. Instead of flatly refusing a

issue to the Labor Board. The seniority issue has been given back! railroads are asked to throw out their new employees. This is not the case. The new men are to retain to be done, there is now room for the new men. The two forces will assimilate and in a short time, especially if business revives, there will be employment for both.

In 1902, confronting a similar crisis, the late J. Pierpont Morgan had vision enough to force George F. Baer to abandon an impossible position. Another Morgan is needed now. A month ago the much-beset railroads had the sympathy of the public. Now they have lost it, or the anti-war party. In fact, the refusal of the President's proposals begin to appear.

Cool Heads

away, nevertheless the 1,500 pas- many. sengers were quieted and reassured, and within a few minutes the boats

were safely tied up to nearby piers. collision on the water can under- tion is difficult of belief by the resi- vasion." Congress called for 50,000 stand how terror tends to become dents of New York and New Jersey volunteers and General Winfield epidemic, and how cool, courageous who have lately been losing their Scott was unlimbering for action

bility determine the blame for the buzz next his ear, followed almost Then again, when the map was accident, but in fixing the blame instantly by a sharply painful subthere should also be a large measure cutaneous injection of a mild but sailles, a Canadian, Sir Andrew of credit given to the men who kept irritating poison, feels that the mos- MacPhail, made the suggestion, not down a panic and prevented a quito might have well been dropped regarded as humorous in Maine, that

In these days of faultfinding, when construction of the world,

New Dork Tribune erage men fail to measure up to a caped prisoners who had succeeded cheek "flabbergasted" the Down-First to Last-the Truth: News-Edi- supreme call that in a twinkling in evading the minions of the law East Yankees of Portland, Lewiston comes roaring at them. The na on the watch for them were not so and Bangor, not to mention such tional color is not vellow

Another Illusion Gone

The carefully considered note of the British government, issued just as the conference between Lloyd George and Poincaré was about to occur, dispels another illusion.

It has been widely advertised that the debt of France to her and to and New Jersey, and millions of \$2.40 to Great Britain the French interest banished through the remainder of the summer. Entered at the Postorfice at New York as Second according to the plan, Great Britain was to cancel the bonds, and by one stroke France would get practically German debt.

her unless there is also cancellation pace. of the debts owed by her. So it is And yet this invention, which is burden of letting Germany off!

to agree to take their old employees letting Germany off to return to patent. That same year at the back the railroad executives have their regular job of "cussing" the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition

Dishonest Silence

In its denunciation of the legislator who sits silent while legislation | tial in life. will be such, through a decrease of he knows to be inimical to the public interest is being enacted the Citizens Union calls attention to one of the temporarily carrying some extra most dangerous menaces to good

Many legislators believe that if The consequences to the public of they do not actually vote for crooked suddenly throwing 10,000,000 men bills they are free from responsibility for their passage. Measures which tories need no description. Con- they might defeat had they the courgress, by direct appropriation, could age to stand up and speak against well afford to pay the wages of the them slide along on their way. never a word of protest.

The silent legislator is rewarded achievements. Not only is the response of the railway executives against the interests of the owners of railroad by a kindly attitude on the part of property and against the interests of leaders toward his local measuresthe public, but it is illogical and upon which he depends for fence building when another campaign is tention of those who lament what The railway chiefs offer hereafter on. There is much of this—far too they consider to be the lack of charto obey the decisions of the Labor much — in every Legislature in the acteristic American fiction, and who Board. This is inconsistent with country—a very great deal of it in generally couple their jeremiads

as in the instances of bills generally here. The board has full power to fix mischievous and dangerous which There never was a more truly

The legislator who remembers that he is the voice of his district in elected to be known. Her novels are views? The President is the board's state government and who is willing as interpretative of American genius to speak out-however disagreeable and manners as, let us say, those agent with respect to the exercise of the duty may be—when evil bills are of Tourgenieff or Gorky are of

Warlike Pacifists

The eighth anniversary of the outsettlement, they might at least have brated in Germany by parades with But then it was one of the most Union Pacific, Burlington, Santa Fe, said they would submit the seniority banners bearing the legend "No typically and exclusively American Northwestern, Illinois Central, Del- down over the brink of the canyon of was unlike any other thing that had brothers, his uncle and his grand-

is sought to be conveyed that the onstrations. Three hundred thou- important phases of the life of a law; they are entirely gratuitous and the case. The new men are to retain gallant service to the German mility Fair," though each is of encyclo- action of the strikers, aimed, as it was, Colorado. . . bellicose intentions of Germany, rate romances for his "Comédie They even succeeded in arousing the Humaine." internationally minded among the American life is too vast, varied

people abhor war. And yet it is one and are being treated, one by one, of history's strange paradoxes that in a most worthy manner. pacifists nearly always manage to

But for calmness and presence of signs bearing pacifist sentiments, neck of the woods. mind the collision of the Grand Re- but with large placards demanding. The best nourished citizens of public and the Erie ferryboat Chauthat Germany fulfill her obligations. their beautiful but not bountifully senior men are kept at work while time they've bothered us this season tauqua might have become a terrible Instead of wasting their energies in fertile state have a fancy to do junior men are laid off. When forces Wilbur, look on mother's bureau and disaster — approaching that of the the cause of theoretical pacifism they their own legislating. They even are restored the laid-off men having get the citronella—the big bottle. General Slocum, the sister boat of might acknowledge that the particu- complain of the inconvenience of trav- seniority privileges must be given lar cause they supported was wicked eling to the admired Bulfinch capitol preference over new men. Regardless of to whose fault the and that damages should be re- at Augusta, notwithstanding the Under the revised rules, of course, morning you always have to pull up crash may have been due, it is cer- paired. The longest step Germany fact that annually, when the returns there is a provision that hours of serv- the blankets. tain that the captains and crews of both boats behaved admirably after both boats beha it happened. Though the side of the guilt and to help her pay the pening high-powered motor cars, which Chautauqua was smashed and the alty of her misdeeds. An impeni- make fast time over such Maine bow of the Republic almost torn tent Germany is a bellicose Ger- highways as are passable.

A Use for Mosquitoes

An investigation will in all probatinually interrupted by a whining "Aroostook war" ended.

swamps. Pestered beyond endur- Presque Isle. ance, they at last came in and gave themselves up, preferring jail rather

than further torment. mosquito, it is doubtful whether it ought to militate against his continued destruction. This has been a Great Britain would offer to cancel bad mosquito year both in New York make over to France the percentage people would rather that a few coming to her under the reparation offenders should go unwhipped of settlement if France would convey justice than that sleep should be

Alexander Graham Bell

As the inventor of the telephone. the full amount due to her and Ger- Alexander Graham Bell has a place many's reparation debt would be among the world's greatest servhalved. Loud have been the praises ants. The product of his brain has of Britain's generosity in thus, in transformed business methods. It effect, assuming a large part of the has solidified social relationships. More, perhaps, than any other But Great Britain is not to do it. single modern achievement, it has shed berein. The master rights of republication of all other matter She will not cancel the debts owed to served to speed up life to its present

> genial Uncle Sam who is to bear the now an indispensable necessity, is not yet fifty years old. It was in We may expect the advocates of 1876 that Mr. Bell took out his first Versailles Treaty in general terms. he first succeeded in interesting the public. To-day the public accepts the telephone as it does the subway and the railroad—as a basic essen-

All this is due to Alexander Graham Bell. Many months of experimenting finally showed the way to carry a voice along a wire. It was a long step from the first feeble voice transmitter to the present device. But the essentials are the same to-day as then, and the truly marvelous development has not been so much in the changes in the instrument itself as in the effect upon the world of its widespread use.

To the names of Watts, Fulton extra men rather than have the through Senate or Assembly with Morse must now be added Bell. His creation is one of the world's great

An "American" Novelist

The work of the late Mary N. with references to some Russian or It occurs not so often when bills other foreign writings as the sort seniority that the Labor Board may are up that are absolutely dishonest of thing that ought to be produced

American writer than Charles Egbert Craddock, as Miss Murfree

During the last week in July, romances of other lands. Few works

Aroostook's Ambition

play the game of the militarists. | the size, quality and number of their

Aroostook ought to feel lucky that she is in the Union at all. The flouted the board's decisions." people over the border back in 1839 That all creatures, great and tried to pry her loose, and Maine No one who has never been in a small, have their purpose in crea- drafted 10,000 men to repel the "inand efficient must be the work of a sleep that the mosquito might dine. when the Canadians thought better One whose slumbers are con- of the enterprise and the bloodless

beside the way in the evolutionary Article 19 of the League of Nations called for a readjustment of Executive Secretary Bureau of Init seems pleasurable to many to Yet a use has at last been found boundaries which would transfer dwell on our national deficiencies, it for him as an adjunct to the dis- Aroostook and parts of other coun-

is agreeable to note how seldom av- patch of Jersey justice. Three es- ties to the Dominion. Sir Andrew's successful in escaping the punitive metropolitan centers of Aroostook beaks of the denizens of the Jersey as Houlton, Fort Fairfield and

Maine has ever been ready at the drop of the hat to fight for the potato empire. Has Aroostook no While this is to the credit of the gratitude, that she talks of seces-

More Truth Than Poetry By James J. Montague

Ambition

(Lines by a Caddy Boy) Not so mucha longer I tote around da club; No mucha care to hear da swear From some great bigga dub.

I play da tournamenta, An' by an' by you se An' by an' by you see
I cop da mon' off every one:
Da golfa champ—dat's me.

I got da gooda swinga. I got da gooda putt; No needa drag da bigga bag To make da bread an' but', Just leeta beet more betta,

An' go an' play around some day An' lick da gooda pro's. Gene Sarazen-him caddy, But only for a while. He gotta class—he swing da

wear da granda cloes

brass' An' swat da ball a mile. Da paper print his picture
Dat look so gran' an' proud,
An' people say, "Hip, hip,
hooray!

He beat dat foreign crowd!" Yes, sir, he win da prize For old star-spangled ban'.
He got da pep to get a rep,
Dat good American!
I worka night an' morning

An' get da snappy game; You looka me—an' soon you

Sometime I do da same!

A Queer Race Man is a curious creature. When he isn't working on a plan to save

daylight he is thinking up a way to

spend the summer. The Toughest Job Yet We never felt sorry for book agents

till the ex-Kaiser's book was put on the market in this country. So Does the U. S. Shipping Board Now we understand why the big

room on a ship is called the saloon.

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Seniority and Pensions

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your leading editorial of this

to-do over nothing or very little, The chief privilege of an old employee is his pension rights. This the men on strike have already paid

No railroad man of any extended above statements. It may be possible sliding by is the only legislator who Russian life. Nor were some of her make payments which ultimately come that on some railroads the employees deserves the votes of his constituents works, such as "The Prophet of the back to them in the form of pensions, Great Smoky Mountains," unworthy but this, if true, is an exception and of high rank for their artistic skill an unimportant exception. It is not teachers going to summer school. characteristically true. It is not true Of course, she dealt with only a on such important railroads as the break of the World War was cele- limited portion of American life. Pennsylvania, New York Central,

1914, Berlin saw huge pacifist dem- of fiction adequately portray all the payment of railroad men recognized by sears before the British set foot on noon in June, 1875, he heard an almost the science of talking. They had even sand strong, the parades bore ban- great nation. Tolstoy's "War and at the expense of the railroads themners protesting against war. In Peace" does not, nor Hugo's "Les selves. They have been established to that fatal week these pacifists did Misérables," nor Thackeray's "Van- encourage faithful service, and the tarists. The imperial government pædic bulk. If Balzac did it he re- to strangle the business of the compointed to them as proof of the un- quired more than a score of sepa- pany, and the traffic of the country, could hardly come within this category.

There is no real parallelism such as you suggest with the holding of an in-Socialists in France to make similar and complex to be treated in a company. In the last case the policydemonstrations. And yet when the single work of fiction. But such holder has a legal right for which he war started the paraders promptly works as those of Charles Egbert has paid and which can be protected in Craddock are a grateful reminder the courts. Pension rights on rail. People in the city, In theory the great majority of that its various phases have been roads are more in the nature of a No, we have very few of themvoluntary bonus given for faithful generally. service.

> Again, seniority, instead of amount ing to "nothing or very little," is a More than ever impressed with railroad man's life. matter of extreme importance in a

If the Germans who paraded are petatoes, the opulent farmers of rights they cover privileges of the really desirous to have no more war Aroostook County, Maine, are talk-selection of jobs paying different rates they had better parade, not with ing of separate statehood for their of pay; also choice of shifts (whether just close. I suppose it'sday or night) and the right to work on

of the senior men.

I note the following statement in the editorial referred to: "For months the railroads have

I know of no basis of fact to warrant such a generalization. Railroad all the old ones too. unions have charged that there have According to statements made by

spokesman for the Labor Board, it will be found that many of these cases are classified as "violations" only by the organizations, and that in many confinement in the above Tower last cases they apply to reilroads which are January we were told that we were to These cases have not all been hear by the board, and no one is in posi-

tion to say whether or not a "violation" has taken place. formation of Eastern Railre s.

New York Aug. 2, 1922.

The Tower

EXPLANATION (Rondeau Redouble)

sallyRITE me a poem," you ask, "a roundelay, A sonnet, pantoum or a triolet; Indite some lines that sing a love

song gay, Or frame an ode to sparkling eyes of jet.

"To celebrate the fact that we have

Rhyme up some words for me this very day: Get on your mark! Get ready! Now get set-

Write me a poem," you ask, "a

roundelay.

"String out some words in orderly array;

Rhymes can't be scarce enough to make you fret; Sit right down now and build for

me, I pray, A sonnet, pantoum or a triolet."

Oh, lovely lady, deep is my regret This one request it seems I can't obev: You could not make me-not by plea

or threat-Indite some lines that sing a love song gay.

It may seem strange, but poems don't come that way; They are not made to order, not

as yet; You can't command: "Please fashion me a lay, Or frame an ode to sparkling eyes of jet."

You think me mean and stubborn?

Lady, let Me say just this before you start

to flay: Some day I'll meet the girl; you just can bet

When that dame comes she will not have to say "Write me a poem." MICHAEL GROSS.

Amundsen believes he will find hitherto unvisited land in the neighborhood of the North Pole, and the Prince of Wales is thinking of trading his battle cruiser for an ice breaker.

From our own experience with trav eling men we suppose that H. R. H must have, by now, the most complete collection of that sort of story in

Still, Albert Edward must be the almorning under the headline "Accept?" most perfect traveling man. Up to date no one has squawked about a "As to 'seniority' there is a vast- single item in his expense account.

DIALOGUE Said the poison pie To the poison pen: "You ain't been around In God knows when." Said the poison pen To the poison pie: "You kill 'em, kid, And leave me lie."

We wonder if really vindictive small Street and Broadway to gloat over the He was wholly absorbed in the mak- electricity.

The Particularly Long Trail

(From Hearst's International Magazine) More War!" But memory goes portions. Moreover, the same critiback! Before Bell had begun to expert
who set for three years and it had constant.

We war in the legend war in the canyon of the Colorado to-day are me canyon of the col rim of the Grand Canyon some sixty ly baffled him, until on this hot after- tions the Bells had been professors of

> What we do know is that in the from the machine itself. year of the ringing of our Liberty Bell For an instant he was stunned. He Alexander Bell, had invented a system in Philadelphia Escalante went clear had been expecting just such a sound for the correction of stammering and across the abyss and the basin of the for several months, but it came so similar defects of speech. The sec-

if the coal miners stayed out forever.

ON A JERSEY PORCH

we've been here we've had the coolest

This is by far the warmest evening we've had.

There are a few of them to-night,

Of course, it isn't really so hot. It's It must be terrible in the city to-

Usually we have the most wonder-

there myself when we came in off the evident duty in bringing the guilty to ing generation. One physician says: porch last night.

ly so many of them around. But when you scratch a new bite that stirs up We'd go inside, but a lamp always been some 104 "violations" by rail- makes a room so hot and I don't think if American citizens are not free to the window screens can be in tight. This must be a terrible night for

people who have to stay in the city.

September 11.

endeavor to keep it from dropping to bread. pieces until September 1. And now we are informed that additional days the right to "life" becomes meaningless have been added to our sentence and if the citizen is not free to work in have this old daylight saving? I hate at the lower end of the wire, in

Apparently we have been penalized ten days for holding.

SETTING A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT



The first thing we know the Eskimos will retaliate with a prohibitory tariff against the importation of ice and polar bears



The Birth of the Telephone

[The following paragraphs are quoted feetly at the other end, and heard by skull, from gutta-percha and India from Herbert N. Casson's "History of an expert in acoustics.

reed, a magnet, and a wire. It was a that he was an instructor in Boston ous energy by teaching "visible speed" Who knows if the people who look most absurd toy in appearance. It University. His father, also, his two to a tribe of Mohawk Indians.

suddenly as to give him the sensation ond, Alexander Melville Bell, was the of surprise. His eyes blazed with de- dean of British elocutionists, a man If some genius would only find a method of utilizing even a fraction of the hot air generated by the rail strike eagerness to an adjoining room, in sive facility of rhetoric. He was the we don't suppose the nation would worry which stood a young mechanic who author of a dozen textbooks on the

was assisting him. I often say when it's warm out cried the apparently irrational young he called "Visible Speech." Every lethere how awful it must be on the professor. There was one of the odd- ter in the alphabet of this language looking machines in each room, so it represented a certain action of the annears and the two were connected line and tongue; so that a new method by an electric wire. Watson had was provided for those who wished It's strange, but every other night snapped the reed on one of the ma- to learn foreign languages or to speak chines and the professor had heard their own language more correctly. from the other machine exactly the And the third of these speech-improvsame sound. It was no more than the ing Bells, the inventor of the telegentle twang of a clock-spring; but it phone, inherited the peculiar genius As to the shoperafts seniority but that's because we had the grass world that a complete sound had been rhetorical, to such a degree that as a world that a complete sound had been rhetorical, to such a degree that as a carried along a wire, reproduced per- boy he had constructed an artificial

No discovery has ever been less ac- blast of air from a hand bellow, In that somewhat distant year 1875, cidental. It was the last link of a would actually pronounce seven when the telegraph and the Atlantic long chain of discoveries. It was the words in an almost human manner cable were the most wonderful things result of a persistent and deliberate in the world, a tall young professor search. Already, for half a year or The white plague had come to the

inaudible sound-a faint twang-come helped to create that science by several inventions. The first of them. art of speaking correctly, and also of "Snap that reed again, Watson!" a most ingenious sign-language, which

What Readers Say

The Herrin Issue To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Herrin is more than a state | Sir: Three cheers for Hiram Ward.

the bar of justice, the government of Of course, there probably aren't real-y so many of them around. But when

sense while murder and oppression flourish and accomplish and escape scot earn a living until they have joined a

men must be free under the protection The guaranty of the Constitution of

we won't be a free man again until order to maintain life, and if this in- it. I can never get rested." Speed the basement, dropped the receiver alienable right is not inscribed in the day when this silly fad will be out Constitution it ought to be.

LINCOLN C. CUMMINGS. Brookline, Mass., July 81, 1922.

of elocution was desperately busy in longer, Bell had known the correct home in Edinburgh and taken away a noisy machine shop that stood in theory of the telephone; but he had Bell's two brothers. More, it had me one of the narrow streets of Boston, not realized that the feeble undulatory its mark upon the young inventor him not far from Scollay Square. It was current generated by a magnet was self. Nothing but a change of climster

a very hot afternoon in June, but the strong enough for the transmission said his doctor, would put him out young professor had forgotten the of speech. He had been taught to danger. And so, to save his life, in boys don't gather these days at 116th heat and the grime of the workshop. undervalue the incredible efficiency of and his father and mother set sa ing of a nondescript machine, a sort Not only was Bell himself a teacher of crude harmonica with a clock spring of the laws of speech, so highly skilled to consumption and satisfied his ner-

to standard time.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

issue and has served to focus nation- whose letter in The Tribune of recent wide attention to the proposition date expresses so well the sentiments Well, I know it IS there. I put it If the State of Illinois defaults in its menace of this fool time to the com-"This fraud is nothing less than a There is no liberty in its highest ful influence that they have returned

Unreconciled

Have golf players and other sporty males a monopoly of all the comforts of life? Why have the demands of the mothers and children been considered of no importance in this matter? The teachers claim the children not of the mob, nor of any class; and come to school all tired out because they are not getting the proper amount of the law to work for their daily of sleep. They cannot go to sleep before sundown-it is not natural even it. Then, on March 10, 1875, it teles for birds or chickens.

of our lives forever!

MARIE L. PATTERSON. Onset, Mass., July 28, 1922.

rubber, which, when enlivened by

from Glasgow and came to the small Canadian town of Brantford, when

tioned Graham's exploits with a class of deaf mutes; and soon afterward th Boston Board of Education wrote ! Graham offering him \$500 if he would mutes that had been enemed recently on the first of April, 1871, crossed the line and became for the remainder of

his life an American. His second nunit who became a fat tor-a very considerable factor-i Bell's career was a fifteen-yeargirl named Mabel Hubbard, who lost her hearing, and consequently speech, through an attack of scarlet fever when a baby. She was a gentle and lovable girl, and Bell, in his ardent and headlong way, lost his heart to her completely, and four years later be had the happiness of making her his wife. And through her sympathy with Bell and his ambitions she led bet father-a widely known Boston lawye

named Gardiner G. Hubbard-to be come Bell's chief spokesman and defender, a true apostle of the telephone. Bell ventured to confide to Hubbard his wild dream of sending speech over an electric wire, but Hubbard laughod him to scorn. "Now you are talking nonsense," he said. never could be more than a scientific toy. You had better throw that ide

out of your mind and go shead with your musical telegraph, which if it it successful will make you a millicozirs But the longer Bell toiled at hi dreamed of replacing the telegraph and its cumbrous sign-language by a new machine that would carry not dots and dashes but the human voice. can make a deaf-mute talk," he said

but it was the youngest and feeblest thing in the nation. It had not ye spoken a word. For forty weeks-long, exaspe

'I can make iron talk.

weeks-the telephone could more than gasp and make strange inarticulate noises. Its educate It said distinctly-"Mr. Watson, cet One boy says "Why do we have to here, I want you." Watson, who was rushed with wild joy up three flight of stairs to tell the glad tidings to Bell. "I can hear you!" he shouted breathlessly. "I can hear the words